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SUBJ: SIERRA LEONE MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES DECLARE SUPPORT
FOR STEVENS AND APC

REF: FREETOWN 1450

1. IN STATEMENTS MADE MAY 25 AND 26, SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE
SIERRA LEONE MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES PLEDGED THEIR LOYALTY
TO PRESIDENT STEVENS AND THE APC GOVERNMENT. EARLIER, MILITARY
LEADERS HAD REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT
(REFTEL).

2. FORCE COMMANDER BRIGADIER J.S. MOMOH SPEAKING FOR THE
MILITARY FORCES ON MAY 25, CONGRATULATED STEVENS ON THE
VICTORY OF THE APC IN THE RECENT ELECTIONS AND ON HIS SELECTION
OF MINISTERS. MOMOH WENT ON TO SPEAK OF "A SIZEABLE NUMBER
OF UNSCRUPULOUS, UNPRINCIPLED, UNPATRIOTIC, POWER-HUNGER AND
PUBLICITY-SEEKING PERSONS WHO WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO BRING
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CHASOS AND CONFUSION" AND ASSURED STEVENS THAT THE MILITARY
FORCES "WILL ALWAYS REFUSE TO COLLABORATE WITH SUCH ILL-
INTENTIONED PERSONS". IN REPLY, STEVENS SAID HE WAS AWARE
OF EFFORTS BY THE MILITARY TO "MAINTAIN THEIR PRINCIPLE OF
TRADITIONAL LOYALTY TO THE GOVERNMENT" AND STATED HIS INTENTION
TO DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO SEE THAT THEIR NEEDS ARE SATISFIED.

3. IN A SIMILAR STATEMENT MAY 26, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
PRINCE C. KAETU-SMITH PRAISED STEVENS AND PLEDGED THE LOYALTY
OF THE POLICE FORCES. IN DOING SO, KAETU-SMITH REFERRED TO
"NUMEROUS ENEMIES AND DETRACTORS STILL LURKING AROUND IN VARIOUS
SECRET PLACES." IN REPLYING, STEVENS ASSERTED THAT THE EVENTS
OF THE LAST FEW MONTHS CLEARLY INDICATE THAT THE POLICE FORCE
SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED CONSIDERABLY, PARTICULARLY IN THE
PROVINCES. STEVENS ALSO NOTED THAT PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION
OF POLICE QUARTERS ARE WELL UNDERWAY.
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